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Legal Services  
REPORTS OF PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE

- 1.. Purpose. This memorandum implements ER 1180-1-1, Section LXX, Parts 1 and 2.
2. Applicability. This section applies to possible noncontractual claims against the government, and to possible noncontractual claims in favor of the United States for damage to or loss or destruction of government property.
3. Reference. ER 1180-1-1, Section LXX, Part 1 and Part 2.
4. Reports. In order that the duties assigned to the Claims Officer may be performed and necessary investigations made as promptly as possible after an event, a preliminary report will be made to the Office of Counsel, Omaha District, usually within 24 hours after the occurrence of an accident or incident in connection with all activities of Corps of Engineers resulting either in personal injury to or death of persons, other than government employees acting in the course of their employment, or in damage to or loss of private property, real or personal. Such reports will also be made in case of damage to government property in excess of \$50, even though no private property is involved, if it is considered that the possibility of a claim in favor of the government exists. A report will be made for damage of a lesser amount to government property when it appears in the best interest of the government to assert a claim.
5. Examples. Such reports should be made, but not limited to cases of:
  - a. Automobile accidents,
  - b. Marine disasters,
  - c. Loss, damage or destruction of personal property of military or civilian personnel,
  - d. Damage due to fires, explosions, building collapses or other casualties and/or operations of the Corps of Engineers.
  - e. On the job injuries incurred by employees of contractors or subcontractors.

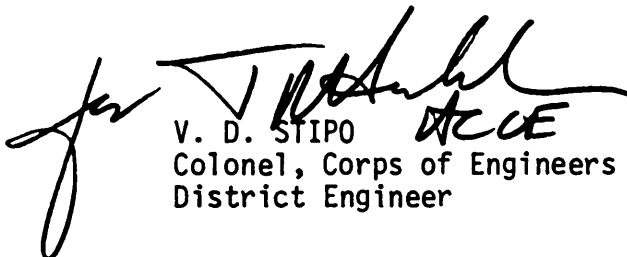
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6. Contents. The preliminary report should be in sufficient detail so that a determination can be made as to whether further immediate investigation is necessary and should usually include the names and addresses of all witnesses, the estimated amount of damage and a concise description of the accident or incident. Photographs of the site and damaged property should be taken as soon as possible after the accident or incident. Photographs should be dated, signed and should indicate the direction the camera was pointed at the time each photo is taken. In the case of critical injury, or serious damage to property, the preliminary report should be made immediately by telephone, telegraph or radio. Further details regarding this subject will be found in the current Accident Investigation and Safety Reporting Manual.

7. Reports Control. AR 335-15, paragraph 7-2T, exempts these reports from the management information requirement.

  
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